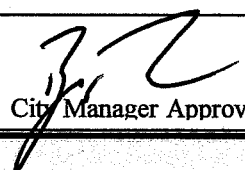




Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item

Agenda Item No. **7**
City Manager Approval

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Keith Nesbitt, Vice Mayor
Bill Kirby, Council Member
Date: January 13, 2014
Subject: Placer County ALUCP Update

The Issue

Shall the Council authorize the Mayor to sign and submit a letter to Placer County Airport Land Use Commission regarding the update of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Update?

Conclusion and Recommendation

By MOTION, authorize the Mayor to sign and submit the letter to the Placer County Airport Land Use Commission regarding the update of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan update?

Background

Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) as the Placer County Airport Land Use Commission is updating the Airport Land use Compatibility Plan (ACLUP) for the Auburn Municipal Airport, Lincoln Regional Airport and the Blue Canyon Airport. The current adopted ACLUP was approved in 2000. PCTPA is holding a public hearing on January 22, 2014 to consider the updated ALUCP and the environmental documents that correspond with the updated ALUCP.

The ALUCP defines specific "Airport Influence Areas" that contain land use compatibility policy zones. An "Airport Influence Area" is an area where airport-related factors, such as low flying aircraft, may significantly affect land uses or necessitate restrictions on those uses. Further in this memo I refer to them as "Compatibility Zones" as indicated in the proposed updated ALUCP. The dimensions of an "Airport Influence Area" are based on runway end locations, FAA criteria and existing and future runway lengths reflected on the FAA-approved Airport Layout Plans (ALP).

The draft ACLUP includes suggestions for easing some of the restrictions to development in the areas adjacent to the Auburn Airport. The adopted 2007 Airport Master Plan included substantial discussion on expending the existing runway further to the west, east or combination of both. The intention was to address the future needs of the Airport. The adopted Airport Master Plan did not include the runway extension, so the ACLUP does ease some restrictions in the current draft.

The City is updating the Airport Master Plan in 2014 and will include an extensive review of a runway extension.

The attached letter requests that the Commission consider the City's future expansion plans by not extending the development rights into our future flight paths.

Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives

1. Proceed with Recommendation
2. Do not proceed with recommendation

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact.

To: Placer County Airport Land Use Commission

From: Auburn City Council

The Auburn City Council has been noticed of the public hearing, held by the Placer County Airport Land Use Commission on January 22, 2014. During this hearing, the Commission will hear comments and suggestions from the public at large, and all parties interested in the update of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP).

Included in the draft plan are suggestions for easing some of the restrictions to development in the areas adjacent to the Auburn Airport. We understand that the plan was developed in consideration of the City of Auburn's Airport Master Plan, which was last updated in 2007. During the update of the Airport Master Plan in 2007, there was substantial discussion on expanding the existing runway further to the west, east or combination of both. The intention was to address the future needs of the Airport by extending the current 3700 foot long runway to an optimal 4,280 feet. The City Council ultimately did not include that expansion in the Airport Master Plan, as it did not seem economically feasible at the time.

After review of the proposed update of the ALUCP, the City Council has become concerned about certain elements in the plan. The City of Auburn will be updating the Airport Master Plan in 2014, and it will include an extensive analysis of the runway extension options. This will eventually enhance the Auburn Airport's ability to accommodate slightly larger planes and meet the future aviation needs of our area. City staff has recently met with Federal Aviation Administrative representatives whom have showed support of these concepts being included in the 2014 Airport Master Plan Update and Airport Layout Plan. With the easing of some restrictions in the current draft of the ALUCP, the City Council is concerned about incremental encroachment on our flight paths.

Although we understand that the ALUCP was developed in conjunction with the current Auburn Airport Master Plan, we would respectfully request that the Commission consider our future expansion plans by not extending the development rights into our future flight paths, via an easing of development restrictions. We would also request that the ALUCP consider our future runway extension in all future development proposals. We will be seeking an amendment to the ALUCP as soon as our Airport Master Plan is updated.

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